



Health and safety in the nursery Rooms

At Clare House Nursery, we are committed to providing a safe, secure and well-maintained environment where children can learn, play and develop. Daily checks are carried out throughout the nursery to identify and minimise any potential hazards. Staff remain vigilant at all times and take immediate action to remove or reduce any identified risks.

- Significant changes to the premises, including structural alterations or extensions, are reported to Ofsted where required.
- Where significant building works or maintenance take place during nursery opening hours, a specific risk assessment is completed to ensure the continued safety and security of children, staff and visitors.
- All doors, gates and exits are secured using appropriate safety measures to prevent children leaving unsupervised, whilst ensuring emergency exits remain fully accessible in the event of an evacuation.
- Emergency exits, evacuation routes and fire safety equipment are kept clear and accessible at all times.
- Furniture and equipment are suitable for the age and stage of development of the children and are regularly inspected to ensure they remain safe, stable and in good condition.
- Chairs are stacked safely (no more than six high) and stored in designated areas away from children.
- Electrical cables, extension leads and charging equipment are positioned safely to eliminate trip hazards and prevent children's access.
- Electrical sockets comply with current British Standards and are routinely checked as part of the nursery's health and safety procedures.
- Portable electrical appliances are visually inspected regularly and PAT tested where appropriate.
- Heating appliances and hot surfaces are risk assessed, with suitable protective measures in place where there is a risk of burns.
- Rooms are well ventilated to maintain a comfortable environment whilst ensuring children's safety and security.
- Room temperatures are monitored throughout the day to support children's health, comfort and wellbeing.
- Floors are kept clean, free from trip hazards and dried promptly following spillages or cleaning. Wet floor warning signs are displayed where appropriate until the floor is completely dry.
- Toys, resources, sand and any other items that could create a slipping or tripping hazard are cleared away promptly to maintain a safe environment.
- Cleaning products, medicines and other hazardous substances are stored securely in locked cupboards and are inaccessible to children.
- Blind cords, strings and other potential strangulation hazards are secured safely out of children's reach.
- Resources and equipment are cleaned, maintained and checked regularly. Any damaged or unsafe equipment is removed from use immediately.
- Staff complete daily room safety checks before children arrive and continue to monitor the environment throughout the day.
- Any hazards identified are reported immediately to the Nursery Manager or Room Leader and appropriate action is taken without delay.

- A comprehensive room-specific risk assessment is completed for every nursery room. Risk assessments are reviewed regularly and whenever there is a significant change to the environment, following an accident, incident or near miss, or where a new hazard has been identified.

This approach helps to ensure that Clare House Nursery continues to provide a safe, welcoming and stimulating environment where children can learn and thrive safely.

